

Application No. Applicant(s) 10/766,069 KOLARCZYK ET AL. Notice of Allowability Examiner Art Unit Thomas P. Noland 2856 -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. 1. This communication is responsive to the election filed Oct. 26, 2005. 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21. 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None a) \square All 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: _____. Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. 4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) I hereto or 2) I to Paper No./Mail Date ___ (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Attachment(s) 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) Interview Summary (PTO-413). 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No./Mail Date 7. X Examiner's Amendment/Comment 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit 8. X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of Biological Material 9. Other ____.

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1. Applicant's election without traverse of the invention of Group 1, claims 1-21 in the reply filed on Oct. 26, 2005 is acknowledged.

- 2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited references show air deployed probes or aerodynamically stabilized flyers.
- 3. Claims 1-21 have been allowed.
- 4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 22-27 drawn to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 22-27 have been cancelled.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art of record showed or would have made obvious a ground sensor assembly adapted for deployment from air to a selected ground location with a sensor housing, a plurality of sensor modules and an aerodynamic module structured, interarranged and functioning as set forth in claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Noland whose telephone number is (571) 272-2202. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 9:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Hezron E. Williams, can be reached on (571) 272-2208.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to 2800 Customer Service at (571) 272-2815.

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